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THE PREACHER.

Sara Hedley in Saturday Journal.
Last eve I sought the nearest
church

And heard a gifted parson preach
He talked of men whose days
were o'er
Two thousand years ago or more:
He said no word of those who
strive

In this old world to keep alive.
Who fight their battles every day
Obscurely, in their feeble way.

I'd just as soon be in the dark
Concerning Father Noah's Ark;
I care not for the tents of Baal
Or Joseph's corn, or Jonah's whale
I'd rather learn something to
cheer

Some hopeless toiler struggling
here;
Than learn how Pharaoh blew
his "dough."
About five thousand years ago.

The things of which the pastor
talks
Are dead as Adam's bridle ox;
But all around us there are cries
And wringing hands and weeping
eyes.

He'll have to get his text on
straight
And bring his gospel up to date.

THE REASON WHY.

Briggs—We are coming around
to see you this evening.
Griggs—That's right, but do me
a favor, old man. Don't let your
wife wear her new suit; I
don't want my wife to see it just
now.

Briggs—Why, man, that's just
why we are coming.

REFUSED TO STAND HITCHED.

There is a peculiar strike on in
Utah—a strike of university pro-
fessors. Seventeen of the profes-
sors of the University of Utah
have resigned. These teachers
say they cannot hold their jobs
and maintain their self-respect.

Sounds queer, don't it? But
what is true of Utah is true of
every other school. They are not
allowed to teach the whole truth,
and the Utah teachers refuse to
be longer muzzled. More than
1000 of the 1200 students are
standing by their teachers.

Capitalism cannot stand the
light of truth and has wormed its
slimy tentacles around the
press, the pulpit and the school,
and only editors, ministers and
teachers of the acceptable kind
are employed.

State schools are managed by a
Board of Regents. Only the re-
presentatives of Big Biz. are eli-
gible to become members of these
boards appointed by a capitalist
governor.

The Kicker is the only South-
east Missouri paper barred from the
Normal school library at Cape
Girardeau.

Hai Moore, formerly of Oran, is
a teacher at the Normal. He
was said to be what the "good"
people call an "infidel." A few
years ago a good lady called my
attention to it that he had joined
the Methodist church and asked
if that wasn't proof that he had
discovered he was wrong?

"No," said I, "it is more apt to
be proof that his job was threat-
ened."

OUR DEBT TO CHILDREN.

Abraham Shedlov.

The debt that parents and the
nation at large owe to its child-
ren is so great that all the money
in the Government Treasury and
all the riches hidden in the
ground and buried in the mines
and growing in our forests is as
nothing compared to it. Think of
it—they are the men and women
of tomorrow—and they must be
fitted to make it a better world
than it is today. You well-to-do
who read this probably take pride
in the fact that you love your
children dearly and are sending
them to school and to Sunday
school, every Sunday that it
doesn't rain, are dressing them
better than your neighbors; and
you would shudder with horror
at the thought of sending them
to a factory to spend all the day-
light hours in some dull wear-
ing task. But do you recognize your
responsibilities to the children of
the poor?

Can you, Mr. Workingman, build
up your children physically by
giving them the right food and
the best living conditions pos-
sible? Can you give them plenty
of time for play so that they may
gather strength for days to
come? Is his home a happy one,
unimpaired by the cutting
accourge of poverty? Poverty
that grinds down, embitters and
makes the children of the poor
lose all faith in humanity.

This is the bitter cry of the
children and that cry shall haunt
you, wherever you are and where-
ever you go to escape it. Are
those who remain inactive at the
terrible abuses of childhood, are
they contributing their share to
the payment of the debt they owe
the children, the makers of the
future? No. They are more to
blame for existing conditions
than those who profit directly by
child slavery. Childhood demands
recognition and Socialism is the
only method that will once for all
time soothe the children's cry.
Let us fight for that state where
each man shall secure the full so-
cial value of his product; where a
healthful environment shall pre-
vail; and where mothers, freed
from economic worry, can devote
their time to their children.

When Socialism shall have come
into existence, then shall child-
hood's debt be paid.

HERE AND YONDER.

Some years ago Rev. Chas. Shel-
ton took over the Topeka, Kans.,
Capital, a daily paper, to run it
for one week as he thought Jesus
would run it. The venture caused
a great sensation in this country
and Europe. But, about the mid-
dle of the week Rev. Shelton pic-
tured a banker dodging his taxes
and, thereafter, the kept newspa-
pers were a unit in declaring his
effort a failure. The Kicker may
not be run as Jesus would run it,
but I am doing the best I know
how along that line. And the re-
ward I get is not so much in coin
as in the appreciation of my read-
ers. There is no money in run-
ning an honest newspaper or any
other business. In fact, there is
no such thing as "honest busi-
ness,"—except in a legal sense. I
am in receipt of a letter from Mrs.
Nancy Sherwood of near Dexter
who writes: "Please send me your
paper. My husband's father, who
is now dead, took your paper for
some time, and I have been
reading it so long I can't do with-
out it. I miss the Kicker so much.
I have worked hard to get the
money to send for your good pa-
per, and would not do without it
if I could help it. But times are so
hard, and men on every side with
a skinning knife ready to skin the
man or woman who works for a
living, so that it is hard for us to
spare a dollar for something to
read. I do not blame the skinn-
ers but wish the men who can vote.
would take the knife from them.
That is what I would do if I
could." A letter received Friday
from Uncle Ben Curd of Morley,
reads: "Please send me the worth
of the stamps enclosed of this
week's issue of the Kicker. It is
full of news that I would like for
all persons to read."

The Industrial Relations Com-
mission is one instance where the
people get the worth of their money.
All former commissions were
humbugs. A few years ago a
similar commission was created,
but it couldn't get any evidence.
It couldn't fine anybody. It will
be remembered that for months
it sought Wm. Rockefeller. But
the officers who are so quick to
locate an agitator couldn't find
William. Finally, when everybody
got to laughing Wm. announced
that he was in Florida for health,
and that his doctor had advised
against his going to Washington.
So the accommodating commission
bundled up its traps and went to
William. By this time Wm. had
lost his voice, according to his
doctor, and it would endanger his
life to talk. Hence the commission
toddled back to Washington. No
such bunk goes now. They are
talking now. The Kicker will tell
about it next week.

The Pennsylvania State Federa-
tion of Labor, by a vote of 4 to
1, endorsed woman suffrage to be
voted on there this fall. Concern-
ing an effort to increase the num-
ber of legalized thugs in that
state, President Maurer said: "In
the overwhelming defeat of the
bill to increase the state constab-
ulary, we get undoubted evi-
dence of its growing unpopularity
with the masses and that the
time is not far distant when these
publicly paid defenders of corporate
arrogance will be totally
abolished."

Society aired some of its dirty
linen at the court house Monday.
John Esker, a young farmer of
near Oran, was held for the cir-
cuit court on a charge of prostitu-
tion. Suppose Christ had ap-
peared among the assembled dis-
ciple and commanded, "Let him
who is not guilty cast the first
stone!" Another case from the
blockade was compromised by the
marriage of the interested parties,
and it is to be hoped that the
young man will prove true to his
vow and care for and treat kindly
his young wife.

The Maharaja of India and the
nervest of his eight wives are visit-
ing in the United States. This
Indian prince has an income of
three million dollars a year and
he and his vast addition are
being made much of by high so-
ciety. In Philadelphia Mrs. John
R. Drexl was photographed with
the prince. But when Maxim
Gorky, a friend of the poor, came
here from Russia with his only
wife, the doors of the "best so-
ciety" were closed to him.

According to press reports we
have just completed ten subma-
rines for England, and the Steel
trust has orders for 5,000 cannon
and \$1,000,000 worth of shrap-
nell. With such an order on hand
Carnegie ought to call another
peace conference at the Hague,
and the president should set aside
another Sunday for prayers. Then
there is the powder trust working
all of its plants over-time!

It is announced from England
that no more able-bodied men will
be "ordained" as ministers of the
Gospel while the war lasts. The
government is not so much inter-
ested now in saving souls as in
saving the King.

While driving from his home
near Illinois to Kelo Tuesday the
horse of Casper Roth became
frightened and ran, throwing Mr.
Roth out. Mr. Roth was skinned
about the face and otherwise
painfully injured.

F. W. Breneke of near Commerce
passed thru here Monday on his
way to Oran to see about secur-
ing possession of a larger farm.
He says his present place is too
small for the help he has.

Burkhart Miller of near Illinois
and Lawrence Mirgaux of Kelo
were here Wednesday to close up
a land deal where by Mr. Miller
sold to Mr. Mirgaux 47 acres near
Graysboro for \$1,800.

Dr. J. J. Schneider, the Cape op-
tician made his first regular
monthly visit into the county last
week. He will continue these vis-
its as may be seen from his ad-
vertisement elsewhere.

Just before the recent rains the
state agricultural department an-
nounced that the condition of the
wheat crop in Missouri had fallen
22 point from May 1 to May 20.
From 90 on May 1, the average
had fallen to 68. By sections the
crop condition are given—North-
east, 83; northwest, 69; central
63; southwest, 58; southeast, 66.
Adam Dirnberger, the ex-post-
master of New Hamburg, was in
Benton Wednesday. Adam don't
seem to be worrying over the loss
of his government job and says
he is willing to let others try to
get rich at it.

The recent rains and the Euro-
pean war were necessary in help-
ing the Kicker find a name for the
peculiar kind of street-crossings
we have in Benton. They are
submarine crossings.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hess and Mrs.
Tenkoff of Oran were here sell-
ing raffle tickets for an automo-
bile for the benefit of the Catho-
lic church.

Sol Diebold of near New Ham-
burg was here Wednesday and
says the people of the hills feel
much better since the rain.

Tommy Ross of near Kelo was
here a few days ago to have his
5th grade diploma corrected. It
was issued to John Ross.

Since the last Kicker appeared
Scott county has had plenty of
rain and crops have been greatly
helped.

J. S. Webb of Redman and Jas.
A. Marshall of Crowder were in
Benton Saturday.

Constable Marrs of Blodgett had
some legal business here Monday.
S. E. Lewis of near Chaffee was
in Benton Tuesday.

FROM NEW HAMBURG.

A crowd surprised Sol Diebold
on his 49th birthday Sunday.
Among them were his father,
and sister, Uncle Jacob Diebold,
and Miss Clementine, and Joe
Strack and family of Scherer-
ville. All had a good time.

Mrs. Frank Essner of Ellis dis-
trict, spent one day last week
with her sister, Mrs. John Le-
grand.

Mrs. Ed Hoffman, of Indiana,
was here visiting the family of
her nephew, Joe Pfefferkorn, and
others.

Charles Diebold and family
Sunday with Mrs. Diebold's par-
ents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Lieble, of
Kelo.

The young folks had a dance at
the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leo
Lattell, Wednesday night.

Otto Schitter lost a year-old colt
recently, supposed to be the re-
sult of a snake bite.

A large crowd attended the ball
at Sticks Hall, Monday night, and
all report a good time.

Mrs. Tom Swafford and children
visited the family of Sol Diebold
Tuesday.

The children made their first
Holy communion Sunday.

Wm. Dume of Sal's Creek died
Sunday.

Mrs. Adam Felden and Miss An-
ita Westrich, of Kelo, attended
church here Sunday.

Ben Westrich has a new buggy,
and can take his girl out in grand
style on Sundays.

Mrs. Joe Pfefferkorn spent a few
hours one day last week with
Mrs. August Glaus.

Louis Goetz and wife spent Mon-
day with Uncle John C. Goetz.

The heavy rains kept many peo-
ple from church Sunday.

FROM CARY.

Our people are rejoicing over
the recent fine rains. Prospects
for a good corn crop are now
very flattering. While it is very
wet in the region known as the
North Cut, the ground has been
well cultivated and is in condition
to withstand a few hard rains.
Melons are looking very good, but
there is some complaint on ac-
count of bad stands. Wheat in
the North Cut promises good, but
on the sandy land it has been
considerably damaged by drought.
Gardens are looking fine, and the
people in general are wearing a
broader smile than a week ago.

The rain kept a great many
people from church Sunday. There
will be baptisms in the Teth
near what is known as the "Big
barn," next Sunday. The mem-
bers of the Baptist church here
under the leadership of Bro. Har-
ris, are doing a great work, and
all should assist him, as a good
church is the best advertisement
for a community. Heretofore our
people have been a little lax in
this particular, but are waking
up at last.

Rev. Harris has moved into the
home lately vacated by William
Burnes. Mr. Burnes moved into the
home recently vacated by Hamp
Riley, and Mr. Austin has moved
into one of Mr. Lynn's houses in
the neighborhood of Morley and
will work for Mr. Lynn during
harvest.

Dave Lynn is making prepara-
tions to move to his large farm
near Morley, where he has 200
acres of rye and about 800 acres
in wheat. It is said to be very
good, and that the rye will be
ready for cutting next week.

Hamp Riley, formerly of this
community, is now employed on a
dredge boat in the neighborhood
of Talaposa. He was a good citi-
zen and we regretted losing him.

Ben Gratz of St. Louis, one of
the principal stock-holders in the
Land Company, was here last
week looking over the prospective
"divide up."

Joe Liddel and Dewey Pierce
visited in Commerce Saturday and
attended the floating show.

We are glad to note the Mrs.
Buttery, who has been quite sick
during the winter, is recovering.

Walter Cruse was a visitor here
Sunday. There's a reason.

Mesdames Pierce and Babbiste
shopped at Blodgett Friday.

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FROM FORTNELL.

The Misses Sis Frenzel, Edna
Butner, Edna, Alma, Erma, Paul-
ine and Irene Koch of Cape Gir-
ardeau, and Lena and Mary Cra-
mer, Erma and Alma Dunger, of
Fortnell, and Messrs. Roy Butner,
Edwin Koch, Roy Young, Eugene
Croft, Willie, Henry and Elmer
Dunger, enjoyed a swell dinner at
the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles
Dunger Sunday. A young porker
was roasted and served with po-
tatoes salad and bread as the first
course. After noon the young
folks were invited to Pence's park
where splendid music was render-
ed by Mr. and Mrs. Pence and son
Everett, and the young people did
some dancing. After luncheon all
left for their homes well pleased
with the day spent. The visitors
will return soon to enjoy a dinner
spread in the woods.

Rev. Bailey, a very able Pente-
costal minister, is assisted by Rev.
and Mrs. Chamberlain in the ser-
vice here this week. Consider-
able interest is manifested, and al-
most the entire population turns
out to the meetings.

J. T. Williams went to Arkansas
last week and returned Sunday
accompanied by wife and child-
ren, who had been visiting her
parents at Pollard, Ark.

Saturday night J. L. Mabrey
was held up and relieved of \$1.50
in change and his watch. The
robbers also tried to break into
D. M. Doty's residence.

Mr. Hilleman, the jeweler, will
open near Dr. Hutton's drug-
store and will soon be ready to
serve the trade.

M. Williams is reported to be
near death of consumption at the
home of his cousin, Mrs. Lauck, at
Anzell.

John T. New and family, form-
erly of this place but now of Flor-
ida, are here for a month's visit.
James Gill is building a combin-
ed stable and garage on his lot
west of Schreifers store.

Mrs. Wm. Spurrier will leave for
Illinois this week to reside with
her mother.

Misses Mary Lipps and Ruth
Clark attended church at Kelo
Sunday.

Norval Williams has gone to
Piggott, Ark., for a long visit.

It is probable that macadamized
streets will adorn Fortnell soon.

Mrs. E. G. Jones will leave this
week for her home in Canada.

Read the unmuzzled Kicker.

FROM LUXEMBURG.

Alois Heisserer and family, Geo.
Glueck and family, Philip Pfeffer-
korn and family and Miss Allie
Pfefferkorn of Kelo Ed Robert
and Frank Strabler spent Sunday
with the family of August Lux.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Goetz of
New Hamburg parish spent Mon-
day with the family of their
daughter, Mrs. Wm. Leibel.

Wm. Seyfer and wife, Mrs. Joe
Welter and daughter, Miss Lore-
na, spent one day last week with
the family of Joe Seyfer.

Ambros Bles and son, Otto, as-
sisted by Fritz Bratzel, set up a
binder for Wm. Leibel. Also one
for Andy Glueck.

B. J. Enderle wife and children
spent Sunday evening with the
parents, Mr. and Mrs. John En-
derle.

Albin Martin and family, Joe
Scherer and wife spent Sunday
with Joe Blattel and family.

Wm. Liebel and family Sun-
day with his parents Mr. and
Mrs. George Liebel of Kelo.

Miss Rosa Zent of Anzell spent a
few days with her sister, Mrs.
Andy Scherer.

Geo. Koelzer of Sal's Creek spent
few hours with B. J. Enderle Sun-
day.

The dance at B. J. Enderle's
well attended and enjoyed.

John Enderle was at Commerce
one day last week.

If you want the truth, you must
read the unmuzzled Kicker.

FROM COMMERCE.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. New of Pen-
sacola, Fla., brought the body of
their little son here for burial
last week. The little fellow was
leaving a street car when a wa-
gon ran over him. He was grand-
son of Mrs. Thos. Hawkins.

Joe Head and Mr. Tesreau of
Chaffee were here last week.

Children's day will be observed
May 30 at 10.30 a. m. at the M.
E. church.

The Misses Lura Daily, Virginia
Anderson, Miss Dodson and Willie
Davis Heuchan and Mrs. Edward
Matthews visited Cairo Monday.

T. W. Thornbury, boss carpenter
for Tilman Anderson, visited
home folks at Memphis Sunday.

The Senior League served ice-
cream and cake on the street cor-
ner Saturday.

Mrs. Nellie Daily and daughter
of St. Louis are visiting relatives
at Commerce.

A sister of Mrs. W. A. Simmons
is visiting her from St. Louis.
Leslie Stroud came home from
St. Louis Saturday.

John Maddox is still very sick.

FROM CROOKED CREEK.

Mrs. Oscar Caldwell and Mrs.
Herman Wahl and daughters, the
Misses Alice and Mary, of Com-
merce, visited at A. J. Penn's
Wednesday afternoon.

The Misses Mabel and Ella Bren-
necke and Ruth and Edna Clymer
visited Miss Ella Bratzel of Mac-
edonia Saturday night and Sunday.

The Misses Veta Penn and Cath-
arine Hays of Commerce spent
Thursday night with Miss Mag-
gie Clymer.

Mr. and Mrs. Phil Gibbs of Com-
merce visited home folks here
Saturday night and Sunday.

Miss Lola Weaver of Illinois spent
last week here with her parents,
Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Weaver.

Charlie King, of Campbell, Mo.,
visited at J. C. Clymer's a few
days last week.

Mrs. Mollie Williams visited re-
latives at Fortnell a few days
last week.

A. J. Penn went to the Cape Sat-
urday and returned Sunday.

Guy Canada is having a swell
time—he has the mumps.

THE UNLUCKY 13TH.

Evansville, Ind., May 25.—Mrs.
Polly Anna Strodes, 74 years old,
sued Harrison Strodes, aged 82
years, her 13th husband, for an
absolute divorce, alleging desec-
tion.

THE OLDEST QUESTION.

In the current issue of Farm
and Fireside Herbert Quirk, editor
of that publication, writes an edi-
torial in which are brought out
many interesting facts as to the
use of various meats as food.
Following is an interesting ex-
tract from his article:

"Whenever we boys found any-
thing animal, vegetable, or min-
eral—almost—which looked not
absolutely repulsive, our first
query always was, 'is it good to
eat?'"

"That is the oldest question in
the world. Every animal asks it
a dozen times a day, and lets
eight and small answer it. Now
that war is making a world-wide
scarcity, 'is it good to eat?' be-
comes a world-wide question for
the human beast."

"Take the whale, for instance.
We have been wasting the meat
of the whale all these many years
during which we have been
slaughtering this largest of mam-
mals. Why? The whale is a
swimming beast which suckles its
young and lives on clean food.
Now there is a movement on foot
to begin the canning of whale
beef, to be sold at a low price to
those who have the open-minded-
ness and strength of palate to
tackle it."

"In Japan the meat of a red
dog is a great delicacy, and dogs

of other colors are preferred to
beef, mutton or poultry. Pork is
looked upon by the Japanese with
much the same lack of appetite
with which we regard the meat
of the dog or horse.

"Horse beef was not eaten in
France until after the great siege
in 1871. Now it is a regular ar-
ticle of commerce."

And so the work goes on. And
it is this appreciation that makes
the work easy. Not only does the
mail bring encouragement, but I
hear the same story from patrons
who come into the office every
day from different parts of the
county.

She—Why do they paint the in-
side of a chicken-coop?
He—To keep the hens from pick-
ing the grain out of the wood.—
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smithing and will appreciate your
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Notice is hereby given that let-
ters of administration upon the
estate of Nathaniel Dabbs, decd.,
have been granted to the under-
signed by the judge of probate
court of Scott county, Mo., in va-
cation, bearing date of 8th day of
May, 1915.

All persons having claims
against said estate are required
to exhibit them to me for allow-
ance within six months from date
of said letters, or they may be
precluded from any benefit of
such